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Dear Boo,

Thanks for sending me the copy of CE 1903, which I had entirely forgotten. I wish it had come to mind when Ixwas there. This is consistent with a number of other reports I have called to your attention in their real content and in the superb effort of the agents to avoid it and its significance. Among the other cases that come to mind immediately are those of Ampolsk and Cerniglia (apparently never interviewed on this by the FBI). It is alsoxconfirmed by a number on which I sent you memos after my December visit to New Orleans.

What this report really says is that Oswald was seen regularly on Canal Street, giving out his handbill. Hedrick saw him often enough to recall his companion. Note next to the last paragraph:"when he saw Oswald it was usually in the late evening..." This certainly says Hedrick often saw Oswald. And that is something studiously avoided by all the various kinds of Feebees. It is exactly what I said in a number of memos and it cannot be without meaning a) that it was officially hidden and disguised and b) that he always did it in the same area. One of the conveniences of that location is proximity to Bringuier yet without ostentation.

The final paragraph says "he is unable to furnish further information regarding the Dolly Shoe Company", but the report cites none at all. What, one might wonder, is the information he did supply, and why was he asked for it? I gave you a report on the Dolly Shoe Co., as I recall it an FBI job application.

Perhaps not important, perhaps a means of ignoring both the area and the regularity of this literature ploy, only a single address is given, Carondelet and Canal. I think Hedrick undoubtedly recalled either others or that O was always in the same approximate spot.

The FBI was not interested in a Latin with Oswald when he, ostensibly, was engaged in apparently pro-Castro activity. These go together like cats and dogs.

The 1967 N.O. phone book (can you update me?) does not list Hedrick. It does list the store, and I think I recall having seen it. So, I think Hedrick can be located - and I think he should, plus all the others I have singled out to you in this same connection. I think this may be one of our important clues.

Keep me posted if you go any further, and on any similar things you find.

Perhapsthings are not pressing on you as they were. If this is the case, why not follow up on some of these? From the available indications, there should be something young Ampolsk knows. If there is, his shrink knows it for he treated the young man for not less than four years because of it.

Is it not fascinating that Oswald seems to have picked a place near Bringuier until he got the attention he needed, then abandoned that place for Shaw's place. Once he got attention there, he was finished, was he not -yet he remained in N.O. for five weeks or more. Look at where he picketed: the Wasp, where he could have gotten the attention but didn't; near Bringuier, where he succeeded; then near Shaw and other goodies. Like the Cuban Committee Alcock didn't follow up in the trial, on which I have independently developed quite a story that is in COUP D'ETAT. If the secretary in her first testimony gave a proper name for that committee I'd like to know it.

Personally